



CONTACT INFORMATION

Fostering Health Program
Hasbro Children's Hospital
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CLINIC HOURS

The clinic, located in Hasbro Children's Hospital's lower level, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patient intakes are conducted regularly throughout the week. Our staff is on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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MEETING A CRITICAL NEED

The Fostering Health Program was established to address obstacles to health care experienced by Rhode Island children in foster, kinship and congregate care. As a component of Hasbro Children's Hospital's primary care services, the Fostering Health Program is committed to providing a timely, comprehensive, family-centered medical home to any foster child who does not have a primary care provider.

There are approximately 2,000 children in foster care at any given time in Rhode Island. A great number of these children have difficulty accessing appropriate health care due to instability in their lives. They have increased medical and mental health needs as well as more behavioral, developmental and educational challenges compared to their peers. Many children have also suffered physical and emotional trauma.



OUR SERVICES

The Fostering Health Program provides care to newborns through the age of 18.

Our services include:

- Comprehensive intake evaluation within one month of removal from home or transition of placement
- Annual physical exams and immunizations
- Comprehensive mental, behavioral and developmental screening
- Sick visit care
- Education and support to all those involved in the child's care, including foster parents, biological parents and case workers
- Referrals to medical and mental health specialists as needed
- Ongoing communication with the Rhode Island Department of Child Youth and Families and schools
- Gathering and updating health information
- Interpretation services

COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED CARE

After the child's initial evaluation, the team tailors the frequency of subsequent appointments to the child's needs. Appointments are encouraged at times of placement transition as well..

The program collaborates with Department of Children, Youth and Families caseworkers, foster care families, birth families, residential treatment staff, mental health providers, subspecialty providers and educators. This is an opportunity for caregivers to learn more about the child's health, special health care needs, and to provide education to both foster parents and biologic parents.

OUR TEAM

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